

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, March 23, 1903, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. 26 W. 47th St., New York, N.Y. March 23, 1903. Dear Alec:

Not much of a letter will you get this P. M., chiefly because I have nothing to say. Of shopping even for a young bride's outfit careth A. G. B. little, and this is all I could discourse of, except that it is now three days since I saw you or so it seems to me and not a word have I heard from you. I'll accept a typewritten letter, only please don't let him call me "My dear Mabel". I draw the line at that. Surely you could achieve a "My dear Mabel" and a "Yours affectionately, Alec" in your own handwriting at the beginning and end of a dictated letter. Only I don't like "Yours affectionately". Try something else. I want to know how you are and I want Dr. Kennicutt to see you. I think he would be more thorough than Dr. Sowera and I do believe in going to doctors at the first hint of trouble. When trouble is firmly seated on your bones, muscles or insides, then it is usually too late for seeing doctors to be much real use, it is just when the trouble is knocking at the door that help avails.

Are you or are you not coming to N.Y. Thursday? That's the question. If not, I go home Sed, and I want to see you, my dear old man. I would not mind leaving Daisy alone with Sarah now, she will probably be able to leave the first or middle of next week, but I don't want to go home to an empty house. The stores here are fascinating and I want to spend money, but won't spend very much. Only let me 2 know about Gertrude's. Better telegraph this . Please be careful of yourself and be rubbed and take your exercises like a good little man. Please and please do, for I love you.

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Yours ever, Mabel.